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Director's Meeting

Thursday, 10 January 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Becker, Wisner, [redacted] Col. White

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Mr. Dulles:

A. Stated that he had cleared the matter of the [redacted] cable with his brother and Mr. Allison of State Department and the matter would be discussed further when Mr. [redacted] and Col. Johnston arrived [redacted]

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B. Raised the question of the PSB meeting and briefing by the three service Psychological Warfare chiefs this afternoon.

The Director stated that he could not be present for the entire meeting but directed that Mr. Wisner and one or two of his people attend the briefing session. In this connection, the Director also stated that now was not the time for CIA to actually participate in the briefing but he had no objection to our representatives asking such questions as deemed necessary.

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C. Noted that [redacted] was coming to see him concerning the headquarters and field organization of [redacted]. It was his opinion that the staff at the headquarters could be substantially reduced.

Mr. Wisner noted there was no reason why ~~the~~ number of field personnel could not also be cut.

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D. Noted an item in the Intelligence Digest concerning Panama and requested DD/P to obtain further information from [redacted]

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Mr. Becker suggested that the courier mentioned in this item who is now back in the States might be "put on the polygraph".

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Mr. Wisner:

A. Referred to the second item in today's log and stated that the item as written did not express a clear statement since there was in fact close co-operation between CIA and the FBI in [redacted] operation [redacted] which involves US Communists.

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B. Stated that [redacted] was coming in to see him about 11 o'clock today.

The Director agreed to see [redacted] for a few minutes after he returns from the White House. In this connection, the Director stated that he had written a very strong letter to Secretary Finletter recommending [redacted] promotion to full Colonel.

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C. Gave the Director a written report on the illegal shipment of fine gauge nickel wire moving from the British to the Soviet zone in Germany. He noted that this additional information had been requested by the Director and the contents did not, as yet, contain the complete facts.

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D. Asked the Director if he had seen the cable from [redacted] regarding [redacted] in Indochina.

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The Director indicated that he had and agreed: 1) to see [redacted] briefly before his departure; and 2) to give him a letter of introduction to General de Lattre.

E. Noted that we had received further information on the recent affair in Rangoon which indicated that it was possibly a provocation on the part of the Army Chief of Staff.

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F. Noted the following comments regarding CIA operations [redacted] relayed to us by [redacted] of the JSPD:

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[redacted]

General Ennis, G-2 of the Far East Command, expressed a keen desire on the part of all the top echelon of the Far East Command to cooperate with and assist CIA in every possible way.

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